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- 25X1X 1. The Rtanj coal mine is situated approximately eight kilometers south of Boljevac. The surrounding area is hilly and partially wooded. An overhead ropeway, approximately six kilometers long, connects the mine to its separation plant, which is located at Mirovo. A rough mountain road via Ilno and Boljevac connects the mine with Soko Banja. The mine is administered by its own directorate, which is located at the mine and is directly subordinate to the Ministry of Mines of the Republic of Serbia in Belgrade.
2. The total 1949 output amounted to approximately 82,000 tons of stone coal with 40 percent ash content. The total monthly output for January 1950, was 10,000 tons. The entire output is consigned for consumption by the Yugoslav railroads.
3. Factors limiting output:
- Shortage of manpower
 - Lack of machinery and equipment
 - Inefficient management
4. Developments:
- A new drift has been built up to the Lestar district.
 - Construction of electric mine railroad.
 - Construction of a new high tension power line from the Zvezdan power plant.
 - New directorate offices and approximately seventy-five houses for the workers have been completed.
5. The mine is supplied with electric power from the Zvezdan thermo-electric power plant at 35,000 volts which is reduced at the mine to 6,000 and 380 volts respectively. The mine also has its own emergency power plant, equipped with a 400 PS Wolf steam generator and two alternators of Brown Boverie and Lanz manufacture, generating current at 250 and 150 kilowatts respectively.
6. Machinery and equipment:
- The mine is equipped with the following:

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Five compressors

Three centrifugal ventilators, and an unknown number of:

Centrifugal pumps

Pneumatic pick hammers

Hammer drills

Duct-type fans

Electric ventilators

Diesel and electric mine locomotive and cars.

- b. The overhead ropeway is electrically operated at 380 volts. It has two bunkers with a capacity of 1,000 tons each.
- c. Workshop: The mine has its own workshop equipped with:
- Two turning lathes
 - One Universal milling machine
 - One punching machine, and a number of boring machines. There is also a smithy, joiner's shop and an electrical workshop.
- d. Separation plant: Well equipped with machinery in satisfactory condition.
- e. The remaining equipment of the coal brickette factory, which has been partly destroyed during the war, has been transferred to Cuprija.
- f. Motor transport: The mine owns six trucks of Diamond, Praga, Skoda, and Fiat manufacture, and one Buick passenger car.
7. The total number of employees is approximately one thousand one hundred and fifty. Ninety of these comprise the technical and administrative staff, while the remainder are miners and surface workers. The mine also employs an average of 50 forced laborers. Officially, the mine works three 8-hour shifts per day, six days per week, but owing to the failure to complete its norm, the mine usually operates 28 days per month.
8. Because the mine is far from other inhabited localities and communications are practically non-existent, the living conditions are below average.
9. The Mine Militia, approximately eighteen men, is subordinate to the National Militia headquarters in Boljevac. All employees are issued a certificate of employment by the mine directorate.

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